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1. [redacted] the number of resignations from the Soviet Sector police is expected to total approximately 200 by the end of January 1952. 75 police members resigned at the end of December 1951 and approximately 125 have given notice, to be effective at the end of January 1952.
2. These resignations are largely confined to the lower ranks of the police. General dissatisfaction, heightened by a 3% forced allotment of salary for the reconstruction of East Berlin, extra hours of "voluntary" labor in the reconstruction program, and fear that increasing demands of a paramilitary nature are to be made upon the police are given as the principal reasons for this development. The resignations have not been confined to any particular branch, but have come from all. [redacted] police morale is generally low.
3. The police administration is evidently not overly concerned over these resignations and plans to fill the vacancies from the FDJ in the DDR. Many of the resigned police officials, if they are in good standing within the SED, expect to find new employment with the German Institute for Foreign and Domestic Trade (Deutscher-Innen und Aussenhandel) (DIA) which has been actively recruiting within the Berlin police.

Comment: It is likely that the PDJ recruits will come from the DDR and not from Berlin.

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